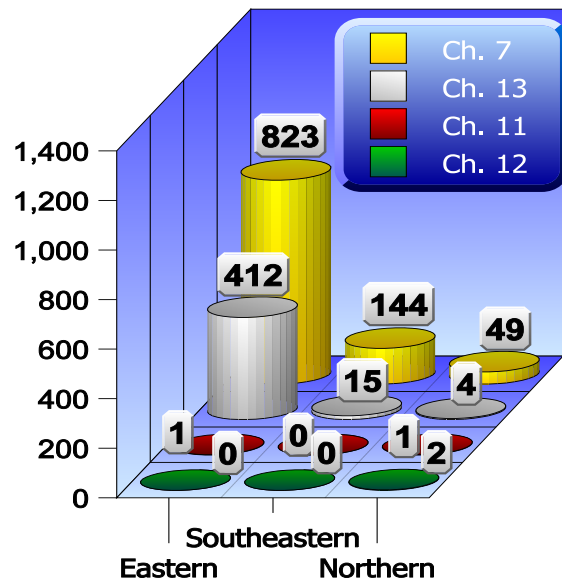


New Cases

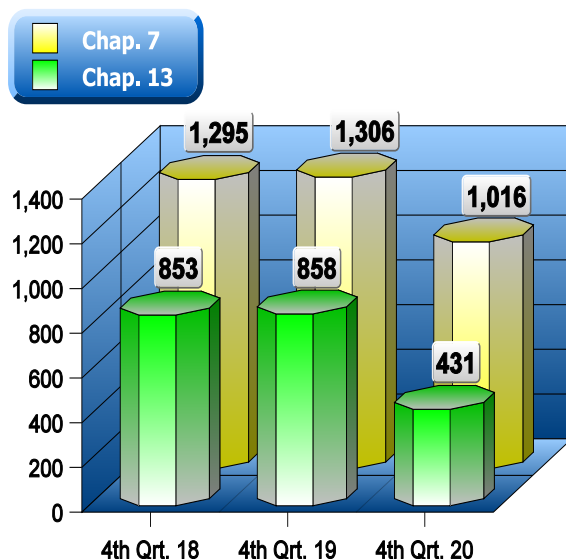
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2020, the Court opened a total of 1,451 new cases. There were 1,236 cases filed in the Eastern division, 159 cases in the Southeastern division and 56 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 89 additional cases. The

new cases consisted of 1,016 Chapter 7 filings, 2 Chapter 11 filings, 2 Chapter 12 filings and 431 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapters 9 and 15. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally, there were 28 new Adversary Proceedings, 427 motions to lift the automatic stay, and 45 motions to avoid liens. The chart to the right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division, broken down by chapter.



Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 2020, there were 1,016 Chapter 7 petitions and 431 Chapter 13 petitions filed with the Court. These figures constitute 70.02% and 29.70%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2019, the Court received 1,306 new Chapter 7 petitions (60.24%) and 858 new Chapter 13 petitions (39.58%). The chart to the right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2020 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 2,615 cases during the fourth quarter, 2020. Case terminations by division included 2,271 for the Eastern division, 259 for the Southeastern division, and 85 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is more than the number closed during the third quarter of 2020, when the Court closed 2,266 cases. The Court also closed 19 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter, 2020.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter, 2020, was 10,070 cases, a decrease of 1,074 cases from the third quarter, 2020. These 1,074 cases reflect a 9.64% decrease in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 11,144 cases pending. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 13.08% (1,516 cases), or an average of 379 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 9 cases in the fourth quarter, 2020, leaving 57 cases pending.

